

FW: Tow Trucks

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Ray ...

We are now in the process of preparing a summary of work completed since our call this afternoon, but I wanted to update you specifically on the Edmonton tow truck issue.

I've included an excerpt from an email from John Ferguson from K Div to give you a sense of RCMP's thinking.

Earlier today I emailed you to say that the RCMP were moving the Edmonton tow truck into place. On today's Premier brief conference call I was surprised that the CO didn't mention this and asked Marlin to follow up.

According to Marlin, the K Div had planned on moving the truck this AM, but have since changed their direction.

Here is what John Ferguson from the RCMP had to say in response to the questions Marlin posed:

"The back and forth in terms of it going or staying is on us and not the CO, in fairness to him we were looking at bringing it down this morning, but have placed it on hold. To add a bit of context, the protesters attitudes, positions and even their decisions are constantly changing and are changing rapidly. As such we are continually adapting and changing our approach in order to get a bit of an advantage. Although we saw a strategic opportunity to use the tow truck, new opportunities presented themselves, and they were opportunities that we feel will have a more positive impact. To put it bluntly, one tow truck will have minimal effect and minimal impact on us achieving our overall goal, however, when we did plan to bring it down it was with the thought that it might potentially help us in one area. Of course with every option we are constantly weighing the risks and assessing the pros and cons, and although using the Edmonton Tow truck was an option that we felt might advance our plan at the time, that quickly changed. I hope this provides a bit of a sense of the reason for the rapid changes. On another note, I get the sense that there might be some thought that having this tow truck will solve everything, but that will not be the case. It could still be of value in a limited role, but at this point we do not feel that it would be prudent to use at this time. One thing that we are always mindful of is the fact that any action that we take that is seen as being aggressive, will be a lightning rod for others. This will probably result in major disruptions across the province. We are always taking this into account with every action that we do take."

There is lots in John's email to digest. Foremost, I would agree with him that this one tow truck will not "solve everything", but one tow truck is better than no tow trucks, and one tow truck staged in Calgary or Lethbridge is better than one tow truck in Edmonton.

I have asked Marlin to follow up with K Div and get a better sense of their equipment needs.

I will keep you posted.

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FYI ...

Marlin reports that the RCMP are moving the City of Edmonton tow truck into place. Additional trucks would certainly help. The Commanding Officer will give an update at the PO briefing today.

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Hi everyone,

I have left a message with AMA, as well as the following municipalities:

- City of Calgary
- Strathcona County – my call will be returned between 10 and noon this morning
- Wood Buffalo
- City of Lethbridge

I had a call with Andre at City of Edmonton and he has confirmed availability of one wrecker for our use. It is ready for deployment whenever it is needed.

We are also looking at purchase options.

I will provide a further update this afternoon, as requested by Dennis below, but wanted to advise of the above so that we could move quickly on the City of Edmonton offer if needed.

Best,

Brandy

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Thanks Brandy, that would be helpful.

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I gave a great relationship with AMA if we need to call them?

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It strikes me that AMA is not on the list...?

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Further to the discussion we had on tow trucks, attached is the list of AB companies that the RCMP has contacted.

As discussed here is the follow up:

- JSG will go through this list and follow up with the few operators that didn't flat out say 'no' to the RCMP
- Grant will follow up with energy companies and related industry contacts
- Rae-Anne will contact her counterparts in BC and SK, contact road builders, and, look into purchasing tow trucks for the GOA
- Brandy will contact municipalities to see if they might be able to loan equipment.

In addition to purchasing tow trucks, maybe there is an option to lease? This might be a quicker option? Rae-Ann can you look into this as well?

If you could report back by mid afternoon tomorrow I can put together a collective response that we can send to Ray.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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